

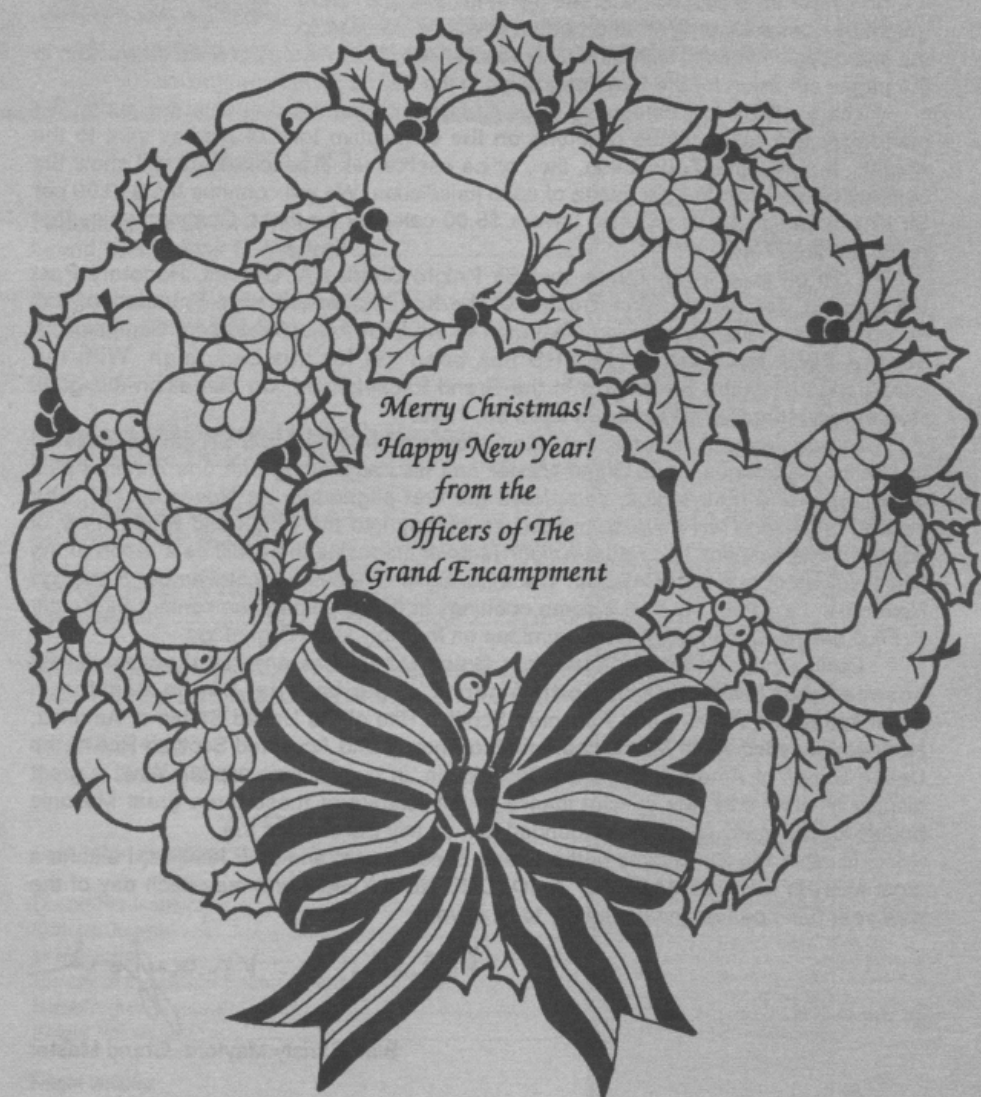


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Beginning the Second Year

Now that the fall season has ended and winter is beginning, we can look back with pride on a very productive, past fifteen months.

With December comes the start of our 28th Annual Voluntary Campaign. The Board of Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., has made several changes in past rules governing the reporting policy which controls the standings of the Grand Commanderies. Wills and bequests will no longer be a part of the credit given for this and future Voluntary Campaigns. Wills and bequests will be credited to the jurisdiction involved, with a monthly report listing the amounts in each jurisdiction in the pages set aside for the Eye Foundation in the *Knight Templar magazine*.



There will be two categories of credit given to Grand Commanderies during the campaign. We will continue reporting on the cumulative total of monies sent to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., office each week. These reports will show the cumulative total and the per capita of each jurisdiction. We will continue the \$10.00 per Sir Knight category. We will also have a \$5.00 category for those Commanderies that reach the \$5.00 level.

I am pleased to announce that Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, Honorary Past Department Commander and Trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, has accepted the challenge of being Chairman of the 28th Annual Voluntary Campaign. A goal of **TWO MILLION DOLLARS** has been set for this campaign. With the cooperation of all the Sir Knights in the Grand Encampment, we can attain this goal. Remember, this Campaign ends April 30, 1996.

As you read this editorial, the 10th Crusade to the Holy Land will have completed two of its pilgrimages. Your Grand Master and his Lady, along with one hundred plus Sir Knights and their ladies, completed the first pilgrimage on November 17. The second pilgrimage will have completed its journey into the Holy Land when many of you read this editorial. In a future *Knight Templar* magazine there will be a report of the first two legs of our 10th Crusade. The third leg is scheduled for November 5 through November 15, 1996. There are some openings in this pilgrimage so contact Sir Knight P. Fred Lesley, Chairman of the Committee on the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

During the past five months, your Grand Master has enjoyed the warmth and hospitality of the Shrine of North America at the Imperial Shrine Session in Indianapolis, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the United States of America, Northern Jurisdiction, in Milwaukee, and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the United States of America, Southern Jurisdiction, in our nation's capital. What a great display of unanimity. My special thanks to the leaders of these three great Masonic bodies for the many courtesies extended to my Lady Dorella and me.

To all of the Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment and their families, I extend a most **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR**, and may each day of the new year bring peace and prosperity to all of you.

Blair Christy Mayford
Grand Master

Knight Templar

"The Magazine for York Rite Masons - and Others, too"

DECEMBER: The 1995 holders of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor, Templary's highest award, are listed starting on page 7. Congratulations to them all for earning this great honor. The 28th Voluntary Campaign begins December 1, and our Campaign Chairman's message on page 5-6 is sure to inspire the participation of all Sir Knights. Grand Prelate Weir's Christmas message on page 9-10 emphasizes the spirit of giving that should pervade the season. Sir Knight Gist is concerned that we also be graceful receivers. Lee Maloney takes us on a delightful ride to Christmas past. We hope your Christmas present is meaningful and fun.

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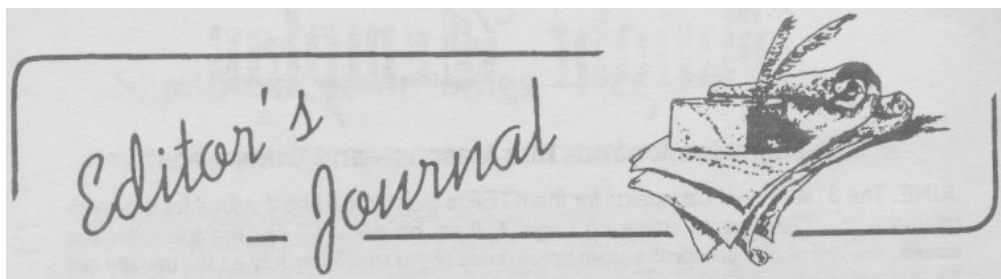
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The Eleventh Crusade to the Holy Land: Grand Master Mayford has authorized another trip to the Holy Land, scheduled for November 5 through November 15, 1996. It will be patterned after the Tenth Crusade of November 7-17, 1995. Details will be provided at a later time.

Erratum: Myth has it that the famous "Desiderata," which ran in *Knight Templar* in the October Issue was written by an unknown 17th century writer and was found in Old Saint Paul's Church, Baltimore, in 1692. In fact, it was written by 20th century poet Max Ehrmann in 1927. The staff of *Knight Templar* apologizes for perpetrating the myth rather than stating the fact. We did not know,

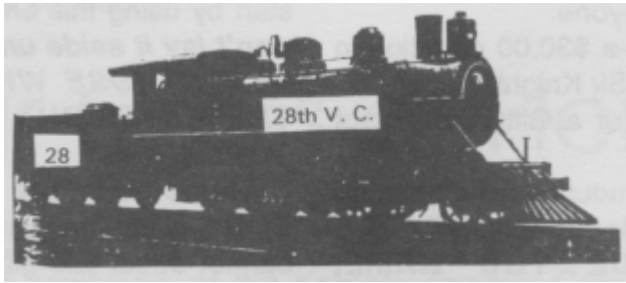
Announcement: Knight Commander of the Temple award: All nominations for the Knight Commander of the Temple award should be made to a HOLDER of the award in the state of the nominee. These nominations will be reviewed by the holders and then forwarded to the Grand Encampment. NO nominations will be accepted if sent directly to the Grand Encampment office. Any further questions should be directed to the Grand Recorder of your state.

Announcing: The Widow's Pin - to commemorate those who were active Templars: The Grand Encampment continues a program to honor widows of Knights Templar. A **Green** pin is for widows of those below the rank of Commander, and a Red Templar Cross pin is for widows of Sir Knights who held office below the rank of Past Grand Commander (this includes Commanders, Past Commanders, and grand officers). Honor your widows at regular or special programs of your Commandery. Order in lots of 10 at \$5.00 apiece, payable to the Grand Encampment, and send to the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

Sir Knights, Attention! An important and Invaluable booklet entitled *The York Rite of Freemasonry - a History and Handbook*, is available from the Grand Encampment. Authored by Sir Knight Frederick G. Spedel, this comprehensive, illustrated 78-page booklet explains the degrees, history, symbolism, and benevolent programs of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter, the Council and the Commandery, with illustrations of the jewels of the officers of each body and the Red Cross, Malta, and Templar banners. There is no limit on orders: \$1.50 each under 100 copies; \$1.00 each over 100 copies, plus shipping and handling. Write your checks to and mail to the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

A Pilgrim's Path: Freemasonry and the Religious Right: This is John J. Robinson's last book, and it is now available as a hardbound copy. Every Mason should want this intriguing and educational book in his library. The book is available for \$15.00 each, plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. • **Born In Blood:** The exciting book by John J. Robinson is available at the price of \$16.00, including S & H. • **Dungeon, Fire and Sword: The Knights Templar in the Crusades.** This history of the Knights Templar by the late John J. Robinson is now available for \$20.00 each, plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Please make checks payable to the Grand Encampment, and send them to the Grand Recorder; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar; 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630-2460.

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Climb Aboard!
Join the Campaign!
Fill the Mailbag!

28th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the KTEF

by Sir Knight Charles A. Games, Honorary P.D.C.
And Chairman of the 28th Voluntary Campaign

The 28th Voluntary Campaign cannot be considered a normal race, but every Sir Knight and every Grand Commandery has a finish line and a finish date. December 1, 1995, is the starting date and April 30, 1996, is the finish date. Some of our supporters may already have started gathering funds to meet the goal. I commend you for this as success is achieved by planning ahead.

In this issue is a Mailbag. It may not resemble a Mailbag, but it will accomplish the same purpose: it is a small envelope, but what it can hold in funds is unlimited. It depends on the numbers you put on your check.

Have you ever thought of what the results would be if everyone who receives this magazine would put a donation in the Mailbag (envelope) and mail it on December 22 as if it were a Christmas present? You can mail it sooner if you wish. It just might be the greatest Christmas present you can give to anyone, "The Gift of Sight." This would be a gift to someone you don't even know, but it would be the kind of giving that Christmas is all about. If everyone puts something in the Mailbag, this imaginary train will have a successful run.



You can use the Mailbag (envelope) in the following ways:

- Grand Master's Club: a \$1,000.00 donation.
- Grand Commander's Club: a \$100.00 donation starts one toward the Grand Master's Club, and it can be added to each year.
- Patron: a \$100.00 donation by anyone.
- Associate Patron: a \$50.00

donation by anyone.

- Life Sponsor - a \$30.00 donation in the name of a Sir Knight.
- Memorial Gift or a Gift in Honor of someone.
- A gift of any amount. Remember, all gifts are tax deductible. be sure to include you name, address, commandery name and number, and state if it is a memorial gift or a gift in honor of someone, be sure to give his/her name and address. (All gifts are acknowledged.)

YOU can help get the 28th Voluntary Campaign Special Train off to a great start by using this envelope now. *Please don't lay it aside until tomorrow; do it now. "Those Who Are Losing Their Eyesight Can't Wait For Tomorrow"*

Remember, the Christ Child was GOD'S gift to mankind. We as Sir Knights cannot equal this gift, but we can show that we believe in what we profess and have obligated ourselves to do in binding up the wounds of the afflicted. The result is "Helping Others to See."

May your Christmas be Merry, your generosity be greater than ever before, and may all of GOD'S blessings be with you in the coming year.

Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, Honorary Past Department Commander and P.G.C. of Pennsylvania, is the Voluntary Campaign Chairman and a member of Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Penn Hills, Pennsylvania. He resides at 1700 Jamestown Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944

Golden Chalice Presented to Muriel Ferrero for Gift in Memory of Sir Knight Sidney E. Friar and Lady Ruth

On August 29, 1995, a Golden Chalice was presented to Miss Muriel Ferrero, for her gift of \$10,000 from the estates of Sir Knight Sidney E. Friar, P.G.C. of New York, and his Lady Ruth. Accompanying the chalice was a letter of appreciation from Grand Master Mayford for the gift in memory of the Friars.

Past Grand Sentinel, Wayne S. Watkins, KTCH, presented the award to Miss Ferrero, and Sir Knights from New York Commanderies; Poughkeepsie Commandery No. 43 and Rondout Commandery No. 52, of which Sir Knight Friar was a member; assisted.

In the picture, left to right are: Rodney E. Sagendorf, Poughkeepsie; Stuart Smedes, P.C., Rondout; Miss Muriel Ferrero; Wayne S. Watkins, P.G.S. and Recorder, Poughkeepsie; and Gordon Kent, P.C., Rondout.



Our Cross of Honor

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America presents the 1995 recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. These distinguished Sir Knights have demonstrated meritorious service and have been rewarded for it. The Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment state that the Knights Templar Cross of Honor "shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member."

This year the Grand Commanderies have selected forty-nine Sir Knights to receive the coveted Cross of Honor.

Alabama

William Jessie Bice, Woodlawn No. 31

Arizona

Joseph Barney Salyer, Phoenix No. 3

Arkansas

Charles J. Swarmer, St. John's No. 36

California

Morton S. Saultz, Riverside No. 28

Colorado

Leo Leas Wittwer, Temple No. 23

Connecticut

Osborne Kilby Winslow, Clinton No. 3

District of Columbia

Alexander Raymond Green
Columbia No. 2

Florida

Leslie Herbert Scott, Jr.
Damascus No. 2

Georgia

Reed Simpson Britt, Jr.
Arnold de Troye No. 31

Idaho

Merle S. Hill, Twin Falls No. 10

Illinois

William Thomas Unwin
St. Bernard No. 35

Indiana

Paul Russell Ferrell, Baldwin No. 2

Iowa

Dwane John Shalla, Bethlehem No. 45

Kansas

William Blame Manning
Mt. Olivet No. 12

Kentucky

Leonard Earl McCuiston
Paducah No. 11

Louisiana

Joseph Waldo Roberts, Jr.
Rhodes No. 17

Maine

John Brice Sutter, Dunlap No. 5

Maryland

Roy Edward Haugh, Palestine No. 7

Massachusetts! Rhode island
Ronald Cameron Yates, Pilgrim No. 9

Michigan
Donald Lewis Crist
Iron Mountain No. 57

Minnesota
Raymond Strand Frandsen, Zion No. 2

Mississippi
Glen Dale Brady, Hattiesburg No. 21

Missouri
Frank W. Hazelrigg, Jr., Calvary No. 28

Montana
J. Clark McColly, Calvary No. 14

Nebraska
Roscoe W. Bills, Bethlehem No. 18

Nevada
Parker Dale Dumbauld
Edward C. Peterson No. 8

New Hampshire
Leonard S. Sousa, Trinity No. 1

New Jersey
Harry M. Joughin, Corson No. 15

New Mexico
Jack Andrews Echols, Shiprock No. 15

New York
Charles A. Victory, Central City No. 25

North Carolina
Forrest Ray Pugh, Griggs No. 14

North Dakota
Bobby Gene Noblin, St. Aldemar No. 3

Ohio
John Peter Miller, DeMolay No. 9
Robert S. Denham, St. Bernard No. 51

Oklahoma
Carl R. Burrows, Tipton No. 52

Oregon
James A. Johnson, Ivanhoe No. 2

Pennsylvania
Tilghman Cortland Leipfert
Mt. Vernon No. 73

South Carolina
Harvie Benjamin Bailey
South Carolina No. 1
South Dakota
Wilfred (Ole) Olawsky, Cyrene No. 2

Tennessee
John Taylor Pigg, Nashville No. 1

Texas
Herbert James Walker, Paris No. 9
James Dea Mooney II
Weatherford No. 51

Utah
Curtis N. Butler, Ivanhoe No. 5

Vermont
Robert A. Farrington, Mount Zion No. 9

Virginia
Leonard Brewer, Blacksburg No. 32

Washington
John C. Beck, Palestine No. 11

West Virginia
Samuel Joseph Price, Pilgrim No. 21

Wisconsin
Kenneth W. Beck, Manitowoc No. 45

Wyoming
Michael J. Ito, Apollo No. 8

Christmas 1995

Grand Prelate's Message

by The Reverend Thomas E. Weir, Ph.D., KCT
Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar



For children, Christmas is existential. To be honest, I never did quite understand the term, "existential," but someone has explained it as "something that is happening now and happening to me." That pretty well describes the typical child's Christmas experience. In a frenzy of tearing paper and opening boxes, the child whose family is blessed in material ways will have great fun because Christmas reaches a climax at that moment and because it happens to him or her.

What about those children and adults for whom Christmas is not happening now and is not happening to them? Recent research shows that in the last ten years one fifth of Americans, those at the financial

bottom of our national community, have had their real income cut about 5%. There is little comfort to them that Americans at the top of the heap enjoyed an increase in their income of 87%.

Let us remember that Christmas means giving as well as receiving. Even more important, "The Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35) This Christmas, many Lodges will follow the lead of the late Jerry Marsengill and his Lodge in Des Moines, providing Christmas dinner in the Temple for homeless Americans. Perhaps, this year, some Commanderies will reach out to share our joy of Christmas in this way.

For those Knights Templar and Commanderies whose time and money will not permit such a visible outreach, there are multitudes of church and civic programs that would welcome your assistance, as well as a host of people in need who would bless you for your Christmas spirit.

One group you may consider is our hospitalized veterans, especially since this year marks the end of World War II and the gift of freedom we have all received from those who have fought to preserve our nation. If you would like to help hospitalized veterans enjoy this Christmas, call the Chief of Voluntary Service at the Veterans Medical Center or State Veterans Nursing Home near you. Ask for the Masonic Service Association representative. There are Masonic programs in most VA medical centers and many state veterans' homes. If there is no Masonic program at the hospital or home you call, just ask the Chief how you can help.

Let me ask you not only to pick up the giving side of Christmas but also that you let me know what you do as Knights Templar. If you give thanks to our Lord for His gifts, by giving to others, please let me know. In addition to individual Christian service to the poor, I would especially like to hear about Commandery service projects, joining with churches or civic organizations to serve the poor, and Christmas projects for hospitalized veterans. God bless you in your efforts; have a Merrier Christmas!

Sir Knight Thomas E. Weir, R.E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment and P.G.C. of Maryland, is a member of St. Elmo Commandery No. 12, Hyattsville, Maryland. His address is P.O. Box 642, Riverdale, MD 20738-0642



Parrish, Florida Resident Receives Check For Eye Operation



On September 10, 1995, Wendy Wilson, a teenage girl in Parrish, Florida, received a check in the amount of \$500.00 for an eye operation. Wendy has a potentially blinding medical condition and has undergone eye surgery in the past and has more surgery to undergo in the future.

The presentation was made at the Baptist Church in Parrish, Florida, by Eminent Commander Frank Buell of Trinity Commandery No. 16, Sarasota, Florida. Wendy's mother and others were there for the presentation. In the picture, left to right, are: Reverend Al Overstreet, pastor of Parrish Baptist Church; Wendy Wilson; Commander Frank Buell; and Sir Knight Jesse Johnson, KYCH, also of Trinity Commandery No. 16 and the Sir Knight who started the process to aid Wendy.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Into the Hands of Receivers

by Sir Knight Kent W. Gist, P.G.C.

December is well known as the month for giving. We are bombarded with suggestions for giving from all sides. One who does not enter into a giving philosophy is swiftly consigned to the land of Scroogedom, and runs the risk of becoming a social outcast.

The kind of giving we hear the most about, of course, is that of giving of material things. Many merchants depend upon this phenomenon to generate a major portion of the year's profit. Most of us could not wait to tell our kids all about Santa Claus, and we continued the program until the little shavers wised up; then we waited impatiently to carry the message to our grandchildren.

I don't need to say any more about the giving. Plenty of people will talk about that at every opportunity. Christmas, Valentine's Day, birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, or any other day, is a good day for giving someone something.

For every gift given, there must be a receiver. This is the person I would have you consider at this time. Every one of us has had considerable experience at being receivers. How often do we pause to reflect upon our skills at receiving? A gift well received brings at least twice the pleasure to the giver.

We will not dwell for long upon the receiving of "things." We do indeed receive many tangible items in a lifetime, some of which we cherish and treasure, and some of which we believe we could survive without. In either event, it behooves us to receive them with a true spirit of gratitude, and a belief that the person who presents us with the gift is doing it because he or she really

wants to do it.

A close friend once gave me some apples. I protested that he was in the business of producing apples and might better have let them become part of his profit statement. He informed me that I had no right to try to take from him the pleasure of giving them to me. I learned a most important lesson that day. I should appreciate his kindness and generosity, and respond in kind.

I learned another important lesson one time when visiting a family friend. The subject of ice cream came up, and I offered to buy some. He informed me in no uncertain terms that he would provide the food in his house. When he came up to my house, I would be expected to provide it.

I have come to see the wisdom in both these circumstances and try to be a gracious receiver.

Far more important than being the recipient of *things*, all of us have received more important gifts. First and foremost, we have received the gift of life, both physical and spiritual. Although both must be lived at the same time, they may require different expressions of gratitude.

In the Feliowcraft Degree, we are taught that he who has his strength, health, and ambition has his plenty. Each of the three is a tremendous gift, and we often ignore the wonderful life we can have by full realization of these gifts. By exercising them, we can then reap full benefit from all the other opportunities we find in life. Most of us have benefited from all three for most of our lives. If, in due course, one or the other fails us, we

can still remain grateful and responsive for the time we enjoyed them all, and for what might remain for us even after such a loss. Most of us have had the opportunity to receive the gift of education, both formal and informal. The extent of this gift is limited only by our own lack of enthusiasm for it.

Usually we've been recipients of the gift of love, first from our parents and later from siblings, other relatives, and friends. Most of us have experienced the special kind of love we receive from our mates. Each kind of love from our fellow beings is of a different and special nature, which when added together can make our lives complete, whole, and beautiful. The only proper response, in each instance, is to return that love with interest.

I consider the privilege of being a member of the Masonic Fraternity a special gift from all my Brothers. I appreciate the fact that, here on the broad platform of Brotherly Love, we can meet together for the purpose of enjoying each other's friendship and talents. That special relationship is not limited by race, creed, or color and achieves the goal that many claim to be seeking, but few outside this Fraternity seem to accomplish. Indeed, even within the Fraternity we often fall short of the potential. During this Christmas season, let us all re-examine our response to the wonderful gift of Fraternity we are blessed with, and resolve to expand it to the utmost.

We daily also receive the gifts of those who provide the products that make our lives physically easier. How often do we say "thank you" to the folks who provide garage door openers, thermostats, and microwave ovens? When did we last express appreciation to a tradesman or public employee who cheerfully and professionally provided us with good service or advice?

It is incumbent upon us to remember that in order to be worthy receivers, we must also be givers of the same. Life is always a two-way street, with people and events coming and going.

The ultimate gift which we receive is the love of God, made manifest through the gift of His son, Jesus Christ. This gift is available to every living soul in the universe, even though it may not always be well received. It is given unconditionally and freely, but it we do not receive it graciously and humbly, we cannot even know it exists. If we will wholeheartedly receive it, our lives will be made complete and satisfying, both to ourselves and to God.

As we experience Christmas 1995, may we all strive to be worthy and well-qualified receivers of the manifold blessings which surround us.

Sir Knight Kent W. Gist, P.G.C. and editor of the Idaho Supplement for Knight Templar, is a member of Idaho Commandery No. 1, Boise, Idaho. He resides at 6625 Denver Road, Fruitland, ID 83619.



My Christmas of 1939

by Lee Maloney

*Dedicated to my dad, eighty-four, and my one and only
sixteen-year-old, light of my life granddaughter, Brook Lynn*

Mom found the jacket and dyed it red,
And it really wasn't bad.
Pants of wool, old and blue, made up the outfit
For it was all their closet had.

A white shaggy fur-piece was sewn to collar
And then shed for it was worn.
On came galoshes with a rubber patch
For even these by sight were badly torn.

Dad was dressed and ready by Christmas Eve,
And in case by now you haven't guessed
"Santa Claus was coming to town" as two tiny tots
Dreamt of toys... in the home where they were blessed.

One child of four, the other seven,
Lay snoozing, sound asleep in bed.
At stroke of midnight, Dad climbed out
On yonder, risky, icy window ledge!

Howling winds muffle Mama's prayers as he inches to the window
Where bedroom sleepers sweetly lie,
Snow flurries cling to his eyebrows as Mom
So worried now, she cannot help but cry!

Gently shoving up the frame... A boot stepped quietly inside
In this most unexpected way,
While Mommy rang "ye olde cow bell" loud enough
To wake the dead to life.., they say.

Mid wrappings n' tinsel to happy shouts of joy,
The family sat 'neath the white spun magic of angelic Christmas tree.
And the man in red and white took his holiday whiskers out of sight
To turn back into Daddy - who had brought Santa Claus to me.

Ms. Lee Maloney resides at 1501 North Parton Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706

A Message from (Mrs. Howard L.) Clara E. McClure Supreme Worthy President, Social Order of the Beauceant

The Social Order of the Beauceant was founded in Denver, Colorado, on February 20, 1890. Plans were being made to hold the 25th Triennial Conclave in Denver in 1892. It was decided that the help of the wives and widows of the Knights Templar was needed. The ladies organized to aid their Sir Knights and adopted the name, "S.O.O.B. Society." The initials stood for "Some of Our Business." Their efforts were so successful they continued to meet. In 1913 when the Triennial Conclave was again to be held in Denver, interest was again aroused and the result was the decision to become a national organization. The letters "S.O.O.B." had become so dear to the members that it was decided to retain them to mean, "Social Order of the Beauceant." This name was derived from the Beauceant, the ancient banner of the Knights Templar. Supreme Assembly was organized on November 12, 1920.

Our order has never changed in its initial purpose, to render aid to the Knights Templar whenever requested. It has always stood for loyal, unselfish service. We have supported the Knights Templar Eye Foundation with loyal dedication.

As the newly installed Supreme Worthy President of the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant, I would like to take this opportunity to greet the Sir Knights and their ladies throughout the United States.

My theme this year is Peace and Happiness." My motto is "Make Peace Your Way of Life." If we follow the words of Scripture in Romans 14:19 "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace"; we will find it does become a way of life.

As I have prepared for this office over the past few years, I have watched a rapid decline in membership in all Masonic orders. This has become a grave concern for all of

us who are dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry. It saddens us to hear such comments as, "At this rate Masonry will survive only a few more years" I cannot believe that something so dedicated to helping others and founded on the teachings from the Holy Bible is doomed. We still have much to offer our younger generations. We must reach out to them.

It is my hope and fervent prayer that through my service in this order I might in some small way reach out and touch someone, somewhere, to bring about growth rather than decline. Our order is small and in some places unknown. If we and all Masonic orders are to survive, we must be seen and heard. We must help one another. We must recognize that basically our goals are the same. We need to create an atmosphere of peace and unity in all we do.

I am encouraging members of all Masonic orders and related organizations to reach out to others, not only to those who are eligible to join, but to members who are not attending. Initiating new members is not enough. We must make our meetings interesting and a place of peace and unity, where new members feel welcome, wanted, and needed. We must reach out to those who are not attending and make them want to return - not just to fill an office, but because of the love and support we offer.

We need to reach out and support all Masonic groups. We can work together harmoniously. By helping one another, we may help ourselves. We can acquire an inner peace and radiate a happiness that will attract others, for happiness is what everyone, everywhere, is searching for. I urge you to reach out this year and find it.

(Mrs. Howard L.) Clara E. McClure, Supreme Worthy President, S.O.O.B., may be contacted at P.O. Box 187, Smithfield, OH 43948

In Memoriam



Robert Wells Menard
Massachusetts/Rhode Island
Grand Commander-1979
Born October 17, 1925
Died September 11, 1995

Percy Allen Wright
Arkansas
Grand Commander-1982
Born November 12, 1904
Died October ii, 1995

Grand Commander's Club

No. 100,353 - H. Fred Kersting, Jr. (KS)
No. 100,354 - Walter E. Schroder (CT)
No. 100,355 - Rex L. Jensen (NV)

Grand Master's Club

No. 2,450 - Harold E. Carlson (CA)
No. 2,451 - J. Richard Holshouser (NC)

How to join: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution of \$100 or more will begin your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is now Commandery credit given for participation. Information is available from: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 579, Springfield, IL 62705, (217) 523-3838.

Grand Master's Club And Grand Commander's Club Pins

For all who became members of the Grand Master's and Grand Commander's Club after July 1, 1992, new pins will be issued at no charge to the recipients. If you became a member of either club prior to that date and would like a pin for yourself, send a \$10.00 donation to the Eye Foundation in Springfield and you will receive one.

Life Sponsorship Pins Available

This very attractive pin in the shape of a shield is available for a donation of \$7.00 each or \$5.00 each in lots of twenty. Show your Commandery members that you are a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by ordering yours today. Pins are available to any Knight Templar who already has purchased a Life Sponsorship or who intends to do so. Contact: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 579, Springfield, IL 62705, (217) 523-3838.

Poem for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

A knight on a quest stopped to rest by the road.

A poor woman passed with a heavy load.
The hour was late and she had no light,
Which touched the heart of the noble knight.

He said to his squire, 'Give the lantern to me.'
This he gave to the woman that she might see.

By this poor woman it was understood;
This noble knight was kind and good.
He had given her the gift of light

But you help others to save their sight.
At home when the poor woman knelt to pray,
She said, "God bless the knight who helped me today.'

"May his bins be full of fruit and grain.
May his crops be blest with sunshine and rain.

May he know great blessings from above.
May his castle be full of laughter and love."
You're the Knight; I'm the lady. The story is true.

And these are the blessings I'm wishing for you.

Dorothy M. Garbade
P.O. Box 51
Mimbres, NM 88049

History of the Grand Encampment

Chapter XXIV Biographies Of Noted Knights Templar (continued)

Joseph Kendall Stapleton (continued)

He was exalted in Concordia Chapter in 1810 and in 1816 became a charter member of Phoenix Chapter, over which he presided for many years. For twenty-five years he served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia. In 1829 he was elected General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter and served three terms. In 1838 he was elected Deputy General Grand High Priest and served in that capacity until 1850.

He received the Orders of Knighthood in Maryland Encampment No. 1 at Baltimore some time prior to 1828, as he was elected Grand Master (Eminent Commander) in June, 1828, to serve out the unexpired term of Sir Knight Philip P. Eckel. In 1829 he was reelected to the same position.

In 1835 he attended the Triennial Conclave of the General Grand Encampment held in Washington as the representative of this Commandery. He was elected Deputy General Grand Master, which office he was to hold for fifteen years. During this period he was active in establishing many new Commanderies.

At the Conclave of 1850, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That in consideration of the long, able, and faithful services of Sir Joseph K. Stapleton, in the various offices which he has held in this General Grand

Encampment, that a jewel of the Order be presented to him and that the General Grand Treasurer procure the same."

Grand Master Hubbard reported his death at the Conclave of 1853, stating:

He has kept the faith' as a valiant and magnanimous Knight, and has now left us and our earthly tabernacles."

John Corson Smith

John C. Smith was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on February 13, 1832, where he resided until he was twenty-two years of age. He served an apprenticeship as a carpenter and builder and in 1854 moved to the West, stopping for a time in Chicago and finally in Galena, Illinois, where he lived for many years and carried on his trade as a builder. He was married March, 1856, to Miss Charlotte A. Gallaher of Galena, Illinois, and four children blessed that marriage.

In 1859 he was appointed assistant superintendent of the Custom House and Post Office at Dubuque, Iowa, where he remained until the outbreak of the Civil War. He enlisted as a private in 1861 in the 74th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Later in that year he was commissioned by Governor Yates to recruit a company and was elected Captain, and later Major, of the regiment. He participated in various engagements during the War, and for conspicuous bravery at Chickamauga he was commissioned a Lieutenant Colonel. He was wounded in the Battle of Kenesaw Mountain, but recovered sufficiently to participate in the Battle of Nashville. In 1865 he was brevetted Colonel by President Lincoln, and later Brigadier

General by President Johnson for his meritorious services.

After the war he returned to Galena and was appointed Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue. In 1874 he moved to Chicago in the interest of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. In 1875, he was appointed Chief Grain Inspector of the City of Chicago, and in 1878 he was elected State Treasurer, and in 1884 Lieutenant Governor. He died at his home in Chicago on December 31, 1910. Private funeral services were held at his home on January 2, 1911, after which the body was conveyed to Medinah Temple where the beautiful Templar services were held under the direction of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35. Following the Templar Services the body was taken to Galena, Illinois, where it was laid to rest by the brethren of Miners Lodge No. 273.

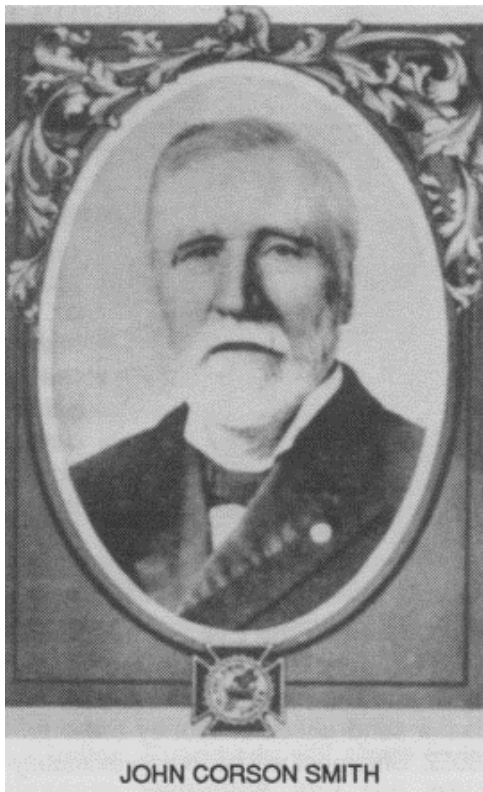
Sir Knight Smith was raised in Miners Lodge No. 273 at Galena, Illinois, on May 21, 1859. He served as Master of the Lodge for five years. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois from 1887 to 1889.

He was exalted in Jo Daviess Chapter No. 51 at Galena, Illinois, on May 15, 1860, and was High Priest for seven years.

He was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Freeport Council No. 39. Later he was Thrice Illustrious Master of Ely S. Parker Council No. 16, which position he held for many years. He was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council from 1889 to 1911.

In the Scottish Rite he received the 32^o in Freeport Consistory in March 1873, and was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33¹ of the Northern Jurisdiction on August 19, 1875, and crowned an active member on September 23, 1883. He served as Deputy for Illinois until 1900 when he was elected Grand Minister of State which office he held until his death.

He was Knighted in Freeport Commandery No. 7 on April 26, 1871, and was Eminent Commander of Galena Commandery No. 40 for many years. He was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois in 1880 and served on the Committee on Correspondence from



1889 to the time of his death.

Sir Knight Smith was appointed Representative of the Great Priory of England and Wales near the Grand Encampment of the United States, and in appreciation of his services in bringing about the Treaty of Amity there was conferred upon him the title Knight Commander of the Temple, and later the Grand Cross Knight of the Great Priory of England.

Sir Knight Smith traveled extensively and visited the Masonic brethren in many lands. He was probably one of the best known Masons in the world. He was a Masonic writer of great talent and his reports for the Committee on Correspondence were comprehensive and exhaustive. As a citizen he merited the great honors he received; as a Knight Templar he holds a place of singular distinction.

Knights Templar Stein To Benefit Knights Templar Eye Foundation



Good news for Knights Templar Brothers! There are still 199 stems left in the first limited edition of the Masonic Knights Templar stems to benefit the Eye Foundation. This stein is the first in a series representing different Masonic bodies that will be produced over an eight-year period. Each stein is 26-oz. with custom-made blue and brown body, a bell-shaped lid and shield thumb-lift, and each includes ten pieces of artwork on the body. Each is hand painted in 22c gold and platinum and fired for seven days. Then, two other colors (black and brown) are added to make up the beautiful four-color effect of this Masonic stein. Each stein is numbered for this limited edition; this series contains one thousand pieces total. The cost of the stein is \$45.00, which includes shipping and handling, and of this amount \$10.00 goes to the Eye Foundation. Each contains a certificate of authenticity. It will make a great gift for a Sir Knight for any occasion. (The stein for sale is very much like the one in the picture; however, the lid is different and the body is bigger.) To order, please send check or money order to: Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052. Shipment will be in approximately four weeks after receipt of order.

Knights Templar Jackets from the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire to Benefit Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Holy Land Pilgrimage

Proud to be a Templar? What a nice way to show it by wearing a black coach's jacket that boasts of the Knights Templar. On the left breast is the red and gold cross and crown and "Knights Templar" written above it in gold. You will be helping Templar charities at the same time as you proclaim your pride. The cost is \$30.00, including shipping (priority mail). \$5.00 from each jacket goes to Knights Templar charities. To order, send \$30.00, your return address, and size (5, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL) to Charles J. Kennedy, 203G Raymond Road, Deerfield, NH 03037



Imperial Ceremonial

(And all the York Rite Degrees/Orders)

Honoring Imperial Potentate Robert B. Bailey
January 19-20, 1996 - Friday evening/Saturday
South Bend, Indiana

by Sir Knight Peter T. Zivanovich, P.G.C.

Shriners in North America have a unique opportunity to express their affection for and at the same time pay tribute to our own Imperial Sir Robert B. Bailey. To him, the most pleasing way to do that would be to promote the Shrine ideals and attract new members. On January 19-20, 1996, in South Bend, Indiana, that is exactly what we will do. A Master Mason to become a Shriner must first receive either York Rite or Scottish Rite degrees. We are offering at this time York Rite degrees, after which will be a glorious "Full Ceremonial." All this will be a "Courtesy Work." and the candidates will become members of their own states' York Rite groups and their own local Shrine Temples. What is unusual is that Friday evening you can bring a Brother Master Mason who will, most appropriately, be a Noble Sir 24 hours later. Of course, any other desires - just to join the York Rite or just the Shrine - will be fulfilled. At the same time this will be a singular occasion in which you will have

the pleasure of meeting Imperial Sir Robert Bailey and his officers, together with other dignitaries from Scottish Rite, York Rite, the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and officials from other states. There will be several very interesting programs for the ladies. Everybody will share in the pleasant ambience and the warm socializing, wrapped up in the well-known Hoosier hospitality.

Do not miss this unique occasion. Discuss it with your officers and friends. Think what it will mean to your Fraternity, for this event will make its members better informed and more rounded Masons. We are proud to offer you this opportunity.

You are invited to come and meet the Imperial Sir Robert B. Bailey, the imperial Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America.

For further information write: Imperial Ceremonial, Orak Temple, 3848 N. Frontage Road, Michigan City, IN 46360-9371; or call: Ed Hedstrom, (219) 872-0485.

Day's Schedule: Bailey Convocation All times are Eastern Standard Time

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| FRIDAY - P.M. | | | |
| Registration (no meals - on your own) | 60 | 5:30 | 6:30 |

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| Mark Master Degree (Cryptic Room) | 1:10 | 6:30 | 7:40 |
| Past Master Degree (Scottish Rite building) | 30 | 7:40 | 8:10 |
| Break | 15 | 8:10 | 8:25 |
| Most Excellent Master Degree (Cryptic Room) | 25 | 8:25 | 8:50 |

SATURDAY

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| Breakfast | 60 | 7:30 | 8:30 |
| Royal Arch Mason Degree (Cathedral) | 1:25 | 8:30 | 9:55 |
| Royal Master Degree (Cryptic Room) | 35 | 9:55 | 10:30 |
| Break | 15 | 10:30 | 10:45 |
| Select Master Degree (Cathedral) | 55 | 10:45 | 11:40 |
| Order of the Red Cross | 35 | 11:40 | 12:15 |
| Banquet | 1:15 | 12:15 | 1:30 |
| Order of Malta (Scottish Rite building) | 35 | 1:30 | 2:05 |
| Order of the Temple (Cathedral) | 1:10 | 2:05 | 3:15 |
| Break | 15 | 3:15 | 3:30 |
| Full Ceremonial (Cathedral) | 1:15 | 3:30 | 4:45 |
| Oasis (Shrine Club) | 1:15 | 4:45 | 6:00 |

A Warm Welcome for Grand Master Mayford... Continued Support of KTEF at Supreme Assembly, S.O.O.B., in Billings, Montana



Pictured left, welcoming Grand Master Mayford at the Billings, Montana Airport, are Dr. and Sir Knight Robert E. Danskin, P.G.C. of Montana, and Carol C. Smith and Muriel Clemes, members of the Billings, Montana Chamber of Commerce Blue Blazers.

This special occasion was held September 27, 1995, at the Seventy-fifth Annual Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant.

The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and President of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Sir Knight Blair Christy Mayford, received a check on behalf of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for \$31,327.69 from the

Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant

Grand Master Mayford thanked all members of the Social Order of the Beauceant for their continued support of our great philanthropy, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Mrs. Roland J. Maddox (Texas), Supreme Worthy President, presided at the Seventy-fifth Supreme Assembly.

Legend of the Piasa

The following is from a pamphlet produced by Greater Afton/Twin Rivers Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs Office of Tourism. This and the words of Masonic connection with the Piasa Bird were submitted by Brother Robert E. Meyer of Allan, Illinois. Information on Brother Meyer completes the article.

In 1673, as Father Pere Marquette and Joliet made their way down the Mississippi river, on the face of the high bluffs just below the mouth of the Illinois River, they discovered the image of two large monsters.

According to Marquette's diary, "each was as large as a calf with horns like a deer, red eyes, a beard like a tiger's, a face like a man, the body covered with green, red, and black scales, and a tail so long that it passed around the body, over the head and between the legs, ending like a fish's tail." Later records describe only one image of the monster.

The bird which the figure represents is called by the Illini Indians, The Piasa" (pronounced Pie-a-saw), meaning the bird that devours men. A short drive up the Great



submitted by Brother Robert E. Meyer

River Road from Alton, Illinois, the modern day traveler can see the recreation of the painting described by Marquette.

There are many legends among the Indian tribes of the Upper Mississippi regarding the Piasa and its origin. The most popular is that many thousands of moons before the arrival of the white man, when great magolonyx and mastodons roamed the prairie, there existed a bird-like creature of such great size, he could easily carry off a full grown deer in his talons. His taste, however, was for human flesh.

Hundreds of warriors attempted for years to destroy him, but without success. Whole villages were nearly depopulated, and consternation spread throughout all the Illini tribes.

At length, Ouatoga, a chief whose fame as a warrior extended even beyond the Great Lakes, separated himself from the rest of his tribe, fasted in solitude for the space of a whole moon, and prayed to the Great Spirit, the master of life, that he would protect his children from the Piasa. On the last night of the fast, the Great Spirit appeared to Ouatoga in a dream, and directed him to select twenty of his warriors, arm each of them with a bow and poisoned arrows, and conceal them in a designated spot. Near the place of their concealment, another warrior was to stand in open view, as a victim for the Piasa, which they must shoot the instant it pounced upon its prey.

When the chief awoke in the morning, he thanked the Great Spirit, returned to his tribe, and told them of his dream. The warriors were quickly selected and placed in ambush as directed. Ouatoga offered himself as the victim.

Placing himself in open view of the bluff, he soon saw the Piasa perched on the bluff eying his prey. Ouatoga drew up his manly form to its utmost height, and planting his feet firmly upon the earth, began to chant the death song of the warrior. A moment later, the Piasa rose into the air and swift as a thunderbolt, darted down upon the chief. Scarcely had he reached his victim, when every bow was sprung and every arrow sent. The Piasa uttered a wild, fearful scream that resounded far over the opposite side of the river, and died. Ouatoga was safe.

In memory of this event, the image of the Piasa was engraved on the bluff. No Indian ever passed the spot without discharging an arrow at the horrible creature.

Further History

Since that time, wind, rain, snow, and sleet buffeted this bluff and gradually erased the image, but the legend still held. Progress and the advance of civilization finally took their toll. The huge majestic mass of stone was quarried away in the middle of the nineteenth century and the image of the Piasa Bird crumbled into dust, but the memory of the Piasa Bird lived on in the minds of the people of the locality.

It was not until the early part of the twentieth century that the image of the Piasa Bird was repainted on a bluff just outside of the city limits of Alton, Illinois, along the scenic McAdams Highway. This was in 1925. This first reproduction remained on the bluff for a quarter of a century before it too was destroyed by quarry-men about 1951. In 1961 the highway was widened to a four-lane boulevard and again the Piasa Bird was destroyed by a cut back of the bluff. The Piasa Bird was again in 1973 restored and today you may see the modern version painted on a large rock formation overlooking the mighty Mississippi River at Afton, Illinois, on the scenic McAdams Highway.

A Masonic Connection

Brother Robert E. Meyer writes:

The Masonic connection with this ancient image that was created and erected as a petroglyphic image over five hundred years

ago is many and begins with fellow Masons William Clark and Meriwether Lewis, who used the vicinity of the original painting as their winter campground before their trip up the Missouri River in 1804. Many of their party were also Masons, and all saw this image often during that winter.

Brother Shadrack Bond, who was to become Illinois' first governor, chose the area just west of this site for the first capitol of Illinois. He was also impressed with this image and petroglyph.

During the twentieth century other members of the Masonic Fraternity were leaders in the reproduction of this painted image after the original had been destroyed as it was in the way of progress. On two occasions Masons were leaders in this great achievement. Now as the twentieth century comes to an end other Masons have come forward to preserve this great image that has existed since the original craftsmen created it over four hundred years ago. Masons are among others of every religion and social belief who are dedicated to this cause; however, the Masons are once again in leadership functions.

What Does It Mean?

No one actually knows the reason or purpose of the image of the Piasa, yet the early Americans who created it and crafted it also carefully preserved it with great honor and importance until the western expansion of the Europeans.

It is possible that it was a projection of the future for these early Americans. The wise men, the philosophers of that time, may have had a vision of the coming destruction of the magnificent wilderness empire. They would not have known that it was the coming of people from afar that was to be their doom; it was to be the westward expansion of the Europeans.

For more information on the Piasa Bird, Contact: Piasa Museum and Information, 117 Market Street, Alton, IL 62002

Brother Robert E. Meyer, a member of Piasa Lodge No. 27, A.F. & AM., Alton, Illinois, resides at 2109 Mulberry Street, Alton, IL 62002

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Got shirts, sweatshirts, and flannel lined windbreakers with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation logo embroidered in white are available for Sir Knights and their families who want to "Help Others to See." The golf shirt is 50/50 cotton/polyester jersey knit with fashion collar and ribbed cuffs. The flannel lined windbreakers are hip length. Any of these items would be a nice gift for that special person. Net proceeds will benefit the KTEF and help reach the goal of \$2 million for the 28th Voluntary Campaign. Put a shirt on your back for your charity!

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| _____ Windbreakers | \$30.00 each—size: S—M—L—XL—XXL |

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Newsfront...

Grand Commandery of Connecticut Well Represented Supreme Council,
Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction Annual Session in Milwaukee,
Wisconsin

The delegation of thirteen Sir Knights from the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, led by Sir Knight Richard V. Travis, Grand Commander, were as follows: Frederick H. Loronson, P.C. and Deputy for CT, A.A.S.R., N.J.; Leonard F. D'Amico, P.G.C. and Grand Jr. Deacon, Grand Lodge of CT, A.F. & A.M.; Robert Colbourn, P.G.C.; George C. Ventor, P.C. New Haven No. 2; Emil Olsson, P.C. New Haven No. 2; A. Norman Johnson, Washington No. 1, active for CT; Marvin E. Fowler, Past Grand Master and honorary member of CT; and other Sir Knights including Edwin Dingus, P.C. and Grand Sword Bearer, who was one of those who was coroneted a 33^o Mason at this session.

Following the ceremony, a dinner was held at the University Club. The Sir Knights were accompanied by their wives.

At this session, the Grand Encampment was well represented by many of its officers. The Grand Commander of Connecticut met many members of other Grand Commanderries in the Northeastern Department. Among others coroneted at this session was Sir Knight John O. Bond of Maine, Northeastern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment. The delegation of Maine and Rhode Island sojourned at the same hotel in Milwaukee.

New Mexico Sir Knights And Masonic Float



Knights Templar made it possible for the Masonic bodies to be visible in this year's New Mexico State Fair parade. Sir Knight F. Dale Smith, Senior Warden of Temple Lodge No. 6, provided a brand new, bright red 1996 long-nose Peterbilt tractor to pull the forty-eight-foot platform trailer provided by Pioneer Truck Sales in Albuquerque - thanks to Sir Knight Jefferson H. Jordan, Junior Warden of Temple Lodge No. 6. New Mexico's Templars are displaying youth and vitality in their communities' activities.

Fifty-Year Pin Presented To Washington Sir Knight

Sir Knight John Dye, a member of Washington Commandery No. 1, Walla Walla, Washington state, was the recipient of a fifty-year pin and certificate on October 10, 1995. Sir Knight Dye is 101 years old. The Grand Commander of Washington, Sir Knight Glenn A. Siron, made the presentation. In the picture, standing behind Sir Knight Dye, are, left to right: Robert R. Thomsen, Deputy Instructor, District No. 9; Frank Dixon, Past Commander, and Glenn A. Siron, Grand Commander. All are members of Washington No. 1. Sir Knight Dye's two daughters, Eleanor Duckworth and Maxine Scott, attended but are not shown.



Sir Knight Goode Of Florida Honored

Richard W. Goode (left) of Lake Lorraine Circle, Shalimar, Florida, who is Chapter "Dad" Advisor of George Ulee Lord Chapter, Order of DeMolay in Niceville, Florida, is the recipient of the 1995 Florida Guild of the Leather Apron Award, presented to the outstanding Advisor of the Year in Florida. The award was presented by State Executive officer William A. Marti (right) at the DeMolay Summer Conclave at the Ramada Ocean Front in Daytona Beach.

Sir Knight Goode, a retired Air Force major, has been working as a member since 1952 and as an Advisor since 1961 in Michigan, Alaska, Massachusetts, and Turkey, and in Florida since 1974.

He is a Past State Senior Councilor of Arizona, a holder of the Legion of Honor, Cross of Honor and Chevalier Degree. He earned the Representative DeMolay Self-Achievement Award, four Blue Honor Keys for recruiting forty-one members, the five International Supreme Council Leadership Correspondence "Lamp of Knowledge" Pin, Advisors Honor Key, and Zerubbabel Key for starting a Chapter in Turkey. He was a staff member of I.S.C. Leadership Training Camps, an Advisor Instructor, and Florida DeMolay University Fellow of John Bates, Beyond the Doctorate Degree.

He is a member of the DeMolay Order of Knighthood and received their EBON Degree. He holds a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.

George Ulee Lord Chapter has been the Chapter of the Year for eleven of his thirteen years as Dad Advisor, ten in a row. Selection of Chapter of the Year is based on membership, correspondence course, representative DeMolays, Chapter programs, service to community, home, Chapter and other awards.

Goode is a member of St. Elmo Commandery No. 42, Knights Templar of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and holds many other Masonic affiliations.



All The Way In One Day In New Mexico

Knights Templar participated in the "All The Way In One Day" hosted by the Grand Lodge of Masons in New Mexico. Forty-one Lodges from around the state assisted in Raising 270 newly made Masons. Seen presenting the colors (from left to right) are: Sir Knight Louis W. Gonzalez, P.G.C., P.M. and holder of the Purple Cross; Sir Knight Kermit K. Schauer, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Mexico; Brother Henry Daniels, Chapter President of Kit Carson Chapter No. 447, National Sojourners, Inc.; Sir Knight William Lewis, P.M.; Sir Knight Robert W. Zarn, Secretary of New Mexico York Rite College No. 145 and holder of the Purple Cross.

Vermont Freemasonry Prepares To Enter The 21st Century by Sir Knight Edward J. Wildblood, Jr., 33^o, KYCH

The annual session of the Grand Lodge of Vermont on June 14, 1995, found the Masons of the Green Mountain State tackling several weighty issues. Some of these issues must be deemed controversial," possibly historic" and certainly "important."

The renowned management guru and author, Tom Peters, as well as other so-called experts in that field, maintains that any organization that does not grow must die. In this context "growth" relates to more than just an organization's size. Even a fraternal organization, such as ours, must adapt to changing times without abandoning its principles, philosophy, and true landmarks.

In addressing such subjects as revision of our ritual, recognition of Prince Hall Masonry, and the minimum age membership requirement; the delegates to Grand Lodge acted in the best Masonic tradition and appeared to heed the advice of a former Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction, Melvin M. Johnston, given when he addressed the Vermont Grand Lodge session on June 14, 1944. At that time Brother Johnston referred to admonitions of Judge Roscoe Pound, which included the belief that Freemasonry must not be static. It must appeal to each time as well as to all times; it must have in its traditions something that today can use, although yesterday could not use it and tomorrow need not. Brother Johnston concluded his remarks with the following comments, which appear as valid today as they were fifty-one years ago: "The past has given Freemasonry great momentum. Shall we allow it to coast on the energy supplied in the 18th century? In medicine, in physics and chemistry, in all the sciences indeed, great gains have been made. In civil government, destructive forces preaching a false philosophy have cultivated strength and power. Are we allowing man's higher and nobler thoughts and aspirations to atrophy? Have we not some things in our ritual which contribute nothing to today's needs? Can we not improve upon a philosophy more than two centuries old? It is easy to answer such questions if Freemasonry is willing to make its ritual a living thing and not a petrified mummy. It is more important to teach a philosophy of life adapted to the 20th century than to distinguish between a point, a line, a superficies, and a solid This same world needs the philosophy of Freemasonry as it is, but how much more powerful will it be if it is revitalized by being adapted to the needs not merely of today but also of tomorrow." All we need do is change his reference to the 20th century to the 21st century.

There is, and rightly should be, elements of opposition to change within our Fraternity. This is certainly true as it relates to indiscriminate change or change merely as a reaction to fault found in the eyes of our critics. But after careful study and debate, positive change is a symptom of "growth" in the very best sense of that word!

Edward J. Wildblood, Jr., 33^o, KYCH
Deputy Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Vermont Burlington
Commandery No. 2
Burlington, Vermont

A Tom Clark Gnome For The York Rite Charities

In support of three York Rite charities, North Carolinas York grand officers commissioned Tom Clark of Cairn Studio, Ltd., Mooresville, North Carolina, to create and produce a limited number of a collector's series Gnome statuette. Tom Clark sculptures are known and collected worldwide. Tom Clark's famous sculptures are produced in limited quantities and quickly increase in value. Each piece is numbered and registered to the individual purchaser. Tom Clark has established a minimum price that must be charged for the gnome, as he must protect his dealers and ensure the continued value of Tom Clark products. He has consented to allow the York Rite bodies to have **exclusive** rights to the Gnome for two years, after which if any remain, they will be made available to dealers worldwide for sale to the public. The cost then will be substantially higher than it is through the York Rite, as this is a very limited edition. When the mold is broken, the price will soar; this is an investment, not only in our Masonic charities, but also in the future value of a famous art object. These exclusive rights expire at the end of the year, and this opportunity will never come your way again.



Cairn Studio sculpts these gnomes in the characteristic Tom Clark manner, and they are easily recognizable as such. Each is individually cast and hand-painted. The gnome represents Freemasonry overall but York Rite Masonry in particular. His name is Hiram," and the Masonic working tools are all around him. In the brick wall that he is building, and upon which he is sitting, are fifty bricks, each engraved with the initials of one of our fifty states. There is nothing on this gnome that is specifically York Rite; this is also a good acquisition for non-York Rite Masons.

The cost through the North Carolina York Rite will be the base price set by Tom Clark, to encourage all York Rite members to participate. This cost is \$90.00 per gnome with \$6.00 shipping for each. The Rite will divide all profits from this project equally between the three charities with \$15.00 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, \$15.00 to the Royal Arch Assistance Association, and \$15.00 to CMMRF or Arteriosclerosis. Of the \$90.00 selling price, this \$45.00 is tax deductible. Orders will be filled as the gnomes become available. As this is handwork and not assembly-line production, each gnome takes time to produce. Hiram" may be purchased from the state chairman; Donald R. Long, 1114 Canterbury Road, Roxboro, NC 27573. The purchase price is \$90.00 each plus \$6.00 shipping; please furnish your complete shipping address with your order. As the second year with "Hiram" comes to a close, only a few remain. After the two years is up, so is the price.

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The lovely afghan of 100% woven cotton is available in cranberry and beige or forest green and beige from an Illinois ladies' auxiliary. \$49.00 each includes S & H. Make checks payable to: Apollo Commandery Ladies' Auxiliary and send to 3N520 Mulberry Drive, West Chicago, IL 60185. Profits will be distributed to the KTEF, the Illinois Knights Templar Home, and the Holy Land Pilgrimage program



John Kirby, Grand Commander Of Kentucky, Joins Victory Class

John F. Kirby, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kentucky (pictured at right), joined the Covington Scottish Rite Victory Class Reunion on November 16-18, 1995, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. Sir Knight Kirby was quoted as follows: "I believe in Masonic Unity. All Masonic groups must work for the good of each other; otherwise, we will all surely parish." Grand Commander Kirby was elected to his high post at the York Rite grand sessions held in September this year at Louisville. He and his lovely Lady Marianne reside in Danville, Kentucky



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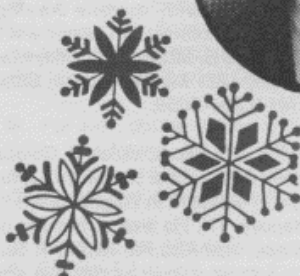
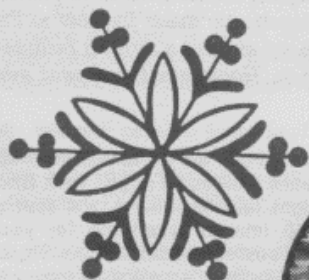
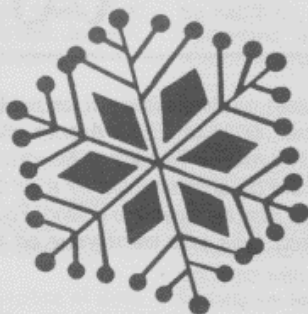
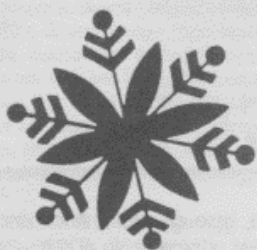
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Center: Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann, Right Eminent Grand Recorder. Clockwise from top: Sir Knight James O. Potter, comptroller; Karla Neumann, accounting and database supervisor; Joan Morton, assistant editor; Bessie Cooper, word processor; and Sylvia Ericksen, database operator.



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LAST CHANCE! Coleman Commandery No. 17, Troy, Ohio, will be offering their 125th anniversary medals at the Annual Conclave, and then, they will be gone forever. To obtain yours send \$10.00 by check or money order to Don Mumford, 15015 Helzeler Road, Sidney, OH 45365. Postage will be paid.

For sale: 100th anniversary coin from Clinton Commandery No. 66, Clinton, Illinois (1895-1995). Coin is available while supplies last in antiqued copper for \$5.00 or gold-plated copper for \$7.50. Add \$1.50 per order for shipping and handling. Check or money order to E.C. George Kyle, 1 Nancy Lane, Clinton, W 61727.

For sale: C.P.O. coats, poly-wool, summer weight; sizes 44 short, 44 X long, and 46 short. \$23.00 includes shipping and handling. 10% of all sales will be donated to KTEF. General Merchandise Company, 190 Road Stew, S. W; Pataskala OH462; (614) 7-7073

For sale: full P.C. uniform, light wool gabardine, size 40, short; chapeau, size 7, with case, P.C.; sword with 28-inch blade, Noy handle, and leather case, P.C. \$175.00 prepaid. Call (612)859-2657, W. Wayne Harrison.

Wish to communicate with anyone having possession, knowledge, or information about a KT sword once owned by Floyd B. McBride in Coffeyville, Kansas. Tom J. McBride, 1221 Mayberry Lane, State College, PA 16801, (814) 234-5059.

Looking for grandfather's sword, stolen in Corpus Christi, Texas, 1945-1947. Name on sword: John William McCaughan: b. 3-29-1874 in Wrightsboro, TX; d. 12-11-1931 in Yancey, TX. He was a member of Ben Hur Temple of Waco, later Alza Far Temple in San Antonio. Any help or info as to how to continue this search will be greatly appreciated. Martha J. Smith, 418 Dolphin, Freepoil, TX 77541, (409) 233-1679.

Sprig of Acacia lapel pins: Each handcrafted pin is of sterling silver with a 24k gold vermeil. Price is only \$9.00 per pin, including S and H. 10% of proceeds will benefit the KTEF. These unique pins are available only through Professional Creations Unlimited, 1630 Orchard I-I Road, Cheshire, CT 06410-3728.

For sale: Masonic clip art for IBM compatible computers. Artwork includes Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Knight Templar, Shrine, and several others. Over 100 images available for your correspondence and trestleboard publications. Please send self-addressed, stamped envelope for more into and printed samples. Percentage will benefit KTEF. John Yates, P.O. Box 3496, Wichita Falls, TX 76309.

Beautiful, entirely hand-made, English, silk neckwear, featuring tasteful repeating Masonic square and compass motifs. Choice of silver on Masonic blue, gold on Masonic blue, or silver on Templar black. Neckties, \$45.00; bows, \$35.00. 10% of all sales to benefit the KTEF. Baron Fain, The Ben Silver Corporation, 149 King Street, Charleston, SC 29401, (803) 720-5083.

For sale: jeweled fez for Kalurah Temple w/lettered oriental band, size 7 3/8; jeweled fez for Eljebel Temple; Shrine ring wf.27 carat, white and yellow gold and red ruby. .09 points plus has 32° consistory insignia on sides. Appraised at \$1,405.00. Dennis H. Epp, 2111 N. Dotsebo Avenue, Loveland, CO 80538, (970) 667-4758.

For sale: 14K yellow-gold Shrine ring, size 7 1/2, w/Knights Templar cross-in-crown on one side, Blue Lodge square and compass with letter "G" on other side. Shrine emblem is w/lion claws made from natural stone set around red star w/saber above. All set upon large red stone. Nearly perfect condition. Paid \$448.61; \$225 O.B.O. Rodger Shuster, 3418 Duncan Street, St. Joseph, MO 64507-1927, (816) 232-3330.

Golden Rule Lodge No. 562 celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1991 and bronze and silver medallions were struck. Silver is .999 fine 1-az. and a limited edition and numbered. Dies have been destroyed for your protection. \$5.00 for bronze; \$20.00 for silver. Postage is included. Send check or money order to Golden Rule Lodge No. 562,562 Butte, Willard, OH 44890.

Central Lodge No. 70, F. & A.M., Montevallo, Alabama, is celebrating its 150th year and has commemorative bronze coins at \$5.00 each plus \$1.00 S & H. Send checks to Central Lodge No. 70, F & AM., P.O. Box 213, Montevallo, AL 35115.

Only 500 Case Trapper model pocket knives made by Masonic Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, each numbered. 1920's Grand Lodge logo lasered on walnut display case. Same logo etched in one blade, filled with blue enamel, with two baills and a cane on each end. Second blade has three etched and blue enameled emblems: new GL logo, square and compass, and trowel. \$1.00 each while supply lasts. A real collector's item. *James R. Onkst, 5009 Judy Drive, Del City, OK 73115.*

North Star Lodge No. 8, Lancaster, New Hampshire, is celebrating its bicentennial during 1997. Commemorative woody coins have been struck: one coin, \$2.00; two or more: \$150 each, postage and handling included. Proceeds go to the bicentennial celebration. Checks or money orders payable to *L. R. Gates; R.R. 1, Box 99; Lancaster; NH 03584-9704.*

Wanted: ceramic liquor bottle, replica of dune sand buggy, made for Ararat Shrine Temple, Kansas City, MO, 1975. *"Bo Griffin, 903 St. Andrews Road, Kingwood, TX 77339-3909.*

World class Masonic fob: diamonds and rubies; enameled consistory ring with diamond: for sale or trade for guitar. Exchange photos. *Kevin O'Neill, 54 Lamp Post Road, New Britain, PA 18901, (215) 348-9529.*

Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 23 years, and still need many pieces as I am collecting all varieties. These one day will end up in a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or will buy your collection. If you collect, I will gladly exchange. I will answer all letters. *Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Rd., No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (520)888-758.5.*

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For sale: 6-inch, silver plate, Maggie Baird Eastern Star, 1912 candy dish - \$20; 13-inch silver plate spoon w/shrine emblem - \$15; Syria glass, 1908 (very small chip) - \$45; Eastern Star cup and saucer (emblem on both) - \$15; old, dear, heavy glass, ash tray w/square-compass - \$18; three 8"x10 photos of General MacArthur in uniform as a 5-star general - \$17 ea. Postage included. *Steve Kapp, 1180 B. Okinawa Lane, Vigo, Guam 96929, 011-653-6143.*

For sale: gentleman's all-steel, 2-blade and nail file, lobster-type, Masonic pocket knife, 3 1/8 doped; has 5 symbols: crouched lion, trowel, all-seeing eye, square and compass, and G" and F. & A.M. on handle. Stamped "Made in Germany, Lion Cutlery,

Warranted and also "Von Cleff & Co. on tang. Circa 1900 (?). Found near Gettysburg (Civil War era?). \$270, O.B.O., money order only. Pictures - \$4.00, SASE. *D. L. B., P.O. Box 3573, Scranton, PA 18505.*

I need a top hat, size 7 1/4, black, collapsible. *D.D.K, P.O. Box 1901, 221 F. Broadway, Centraha, L 62801.*

Top hats wanted: Lodge Master's, used, black silk top hat: 7 1/4, 7 3/8, 7 1/2. Please send details to *G. Sutherland, R.D. No. 11, Box 711, Greensburg, PA 15601. (412) 832-8018.*

Wanted: Masonic items: pins, medals, tokens, postcards, and other Masonic items for display room. *Donald L. Pohlman, P.G.M.; 1206 N. 27th Street; Norfolk; NE 68701.*

I In the *Ektaur Coivnatorium*, mid-1960s, there was an item about King Solomon in which he formed a Royal Compact with the F.C.s that assisted in the work of finishing the Temple. He organized a Chapter. If anyone has that issue with the story, I would greatly appreciate if you would send me a copy. Needed for lecture pertaining to the Three Burning Tapers. *John C. Thomas, 2111 S.E. 52nd Street, Ocala, FL 34480-6159.*

For sale: solid, 14K, white-gold, model no. 1, Dudley Masonic watch; silver triangle Masonic watch; silver pocket watch w/Masonic dial, ca. 1790; Masonic ball watch fob; many solid gold fobs, swords, and other pocket watches and Masonic rings. Best offer. *(419) 562-2859 or write Mike Landes, 3221 Beechgrove Road, Bucyrus, OH 44820.*

Seeking info on John Roach, natural father of Richard Eugene Roach, b. 5-26-16 Omaha, NE. Natural mother, Angela Roach. Natural father's name omitted from Nebraska birth certificate and adoption papers. Richard adopted by Albert E. "Bert" and Lira Russell, January 1917, Valley County, Ord, NE, and lived in Arcadia and Broken Bow, NE. Sir Knight Richard E. Russell (Roach), Beatrice Nebraska Commandery, passed away July 28, 1993: buried with Masonic honors, Broken Bow cemetery. For more info: email *KJ5VV@aol.com* or *Richard E. Russell, 10537 Peacock Curie, A4oiwest City, C(73130.*

For sale: cemetery lot, Evergreen Memorial Park, Inc. Merced, CA: Section 15, Lot 24. Can still use upright markers. \$600 or best offer. *(916) 589-5162 or write Ray Hobbs, 585 Silverleaf Drive, Oroville, CA 95966.*

For sale: double cemetery lot, Skylawn Memorial Park, San Mateo, CA. \$4,800 value; will sacrifice. *(916) 589-0490 or write Walter Svenson, 583 Silverleaf Drive, Oroville, CA 95966.*

For sale: lots, Mount Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst, IL: Section J, Lot 760, grave 3, and Lot 761, grave 3. Asking \$1,700 for both or \$900 each, negotiable. Call or leave message *(817) 694-3022; write F. Thompson, P.O. Box 1694, Whitney, TX 76692.*

Wanted: info on any relatives of Alexander S. Van Gorder, who was born in Pennsylvania Ca. 1840. He served in Ohio infantry in Civil War. *Cad R. Van Gon1 6098 Firwood Road, Mentor, Cr-1 44060, (216) 942-3103.*

